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In re Application of :
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Application No.: 08/817,278 : COMMUNICATION
PCT No.: PCT/US96/13070 : RE
Int. Filing Date: 06 August 1996 : NOTIFICATION OF
Priority Date: 07 August 1995 : ABANDONMENT
For: EDIBLE ANIMAL GREETING CARDS :

This communication is to inform applicant that the Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) issued by the Office on 06 June 1997 is VACATED for the following reason:

On 14 February 1997, applicant timely filed a DEMAND for preliminary examination for international application PCT/US96/13070, therefore extending the period for entry into the national stage in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371 until midnight on Monday 09 February 1998. Accordingly, the Notification of Abandonment of 06 June 1997 was issued prematurely and is hereby VACATED. A review of the application papers filed 10 April 1997 reveals that all the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 have been met.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing, including the issuance of a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) with a 35 U.S.C. 371 and 102(e) date of 10 April 1997.

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